



**31. What impact has Michigan's retail market structure had on compliance with the renewable energy standard?**

There has been no apparent effect on compliance. Almost all alternative energy suppliers have chosen to comply through purchases of Renewable Energy Credits rather than through project development or power purchase agreements. The major investor-owned utilities have almost completely pursued either project development or power purchase agreements to meet their renewable energy obligations. ([www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/implementation\\_of\\_PA295\\_renewable\\_energy\\_411615\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/implementation_of_PA295_renewable_energy_411615_7.pdf))

It is therefore likely that the structure of the renewable generation market in Michigan would be different if the State had a different policy concerning retail competition. However, as illustrated in MiEIBC's answer to Renewable Energy Question 30, there is no evidence that Renewable Portfolio Standards are less adaptable or effective in retail choice states as opposed to states with monopoly service territories.